

MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: H.R. 639, A bill to authorize the establishment of an Inventions Awards Board within the Department of Defense, and for other purposes

1. In response to your request, we have reviewed H.R. 639 which proposes the establishment of an Inventions Awards Board within the Department of Defense.

2. Assuming that this Agency might be designated a "defense agency" pursuant to section 3(e), we would recommend clarification of the proposal in relation to Title III of the Fringe Benefits Act of 1954 (Government Employees Incentive Awards Act).

3. It is noted that the Atomic Energy Commission is specifically exempted from the "defense agency" category in section 3(e). It is suggested that consideration be given to seeking similar exemption for this Agency in anticipation of security problems which might result from providing necessary information to the proposed Inventions Awards Board.

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